
SENATE BILL No. 318

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-5-2-10; IC 3-8-2-7; IC 3-11.

Synopsis: Miscellaneous election law matters. Redefines the length of the chute. Requires the county voter registration office to verify a primary election candidate's statement of political affiliation.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Civic Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-5-2-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 10. "Chute" means the area or
3 pathway that extends fifty (50) feet in length, measured from the
4 **position where the poll worker closest to the door or entrance to the**
5 **polls is stationed by the inspector. If the property line of the polling**
6 **place is less than fifty (50) feet from the door or entrance to the**
7 **polling place, the chute is measured from the exterior door or**
8 **entrance to the polling place to one-half (1/2) the distance to the**
9 **property line of the polling place.** Whenever there are two (2) or
10 more doors or entrances to the polls, ~~the chute shall be measured from~~
11 ~~the inspector of the precinct shall designate one (1) door or entrance~~
12 ~~that the inspector of the precinct designates as the door~~ for voters to
13 enter for the purpose of voting.

14 SECTION 2. IC 3-8-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.199-2001,
15 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 7. (a) The declaration of each candidate required
17 by this chapter must be signed before a person authorized to administer



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oaths and contain the following information:

(1) The candidate's name, printed or typewritten as:

(A) the candidate wants the candidate's name to appear on the ballot; and

(B) the candidate's name is permitted to appear on the ballot under IC 3-5-7.

(2) A statement that the candidate is a registered voter and the location of the candidate's precinct and township (or ward and city or town), county, and state.

(3) The candidate's complete residence address, and if the candidate's mailing address is different from the residence address, the mailing address.

(4) A statement of the candidate's party affiliation. **The statement must be verified by the county voter registration office when the declaration of candidacy is filed. The county voter registration office must note on the declaration of candidacy how party affiliation was determined.** For purposes of this subdivision, a candidate is considered to be affiliated with a political party only if any of the following applies:

(A) The most recent primary election in which the candidate voted was a primary election held by the party with which the candidate claims affiliation.

(B) The candidate has never voted in a primary election and claims a party affiliation.

(C) The county chairman of:

(i) the political party with which the candidate claims affiliation; and

(ii) the county in which the candidate resides;

certifies that the candidate is a member of the political party.

(5) A statement that the candidate complies with all requirements under the laws of Indiana to be a candidate for the above named office, including any applicable residency requirements, and that the candidate is not ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal conviction that would prohibit the candidate from serving in the office.

(6) A request that the candidate's name be placed on the official primary ballot of that party to be voted on, the office for which the candidate is declaring, and the date of the primary election.

(7) A statement that the candidate:

(A) is aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding campaign finance and the reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures; and

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- 1 (B) agrees to comply with the provisions of IC 3-9.
 2 The candidate must separately sign the statement required by this
 3 subdivision.
 4 (8) A statement as to whether the candidate has been a candidate
 5 for state or local office in a previous primary or general election
 6 and whether the candidate has filed all reports required by
 7 IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous candidacies.
 8 (9) If the candidate is subject to IC 3-9-1-5, a statement that the
 9 candidate has filed a campaign finance statement of organization
 10 for the candidate's principal committee or is aware that the
 11 candidate may be required to file a campaign finance statement of
 12 organization not later than noon seven (7) days after the final date
 13 to file the declaration of candidacy under section 11 of this
 14 chapter.
 15 (10) The candidate's signature.
 16 (b) The commission shall provide that the form of a declaration of
 17 candidacy includes the following information near the separate
 18 signature required by subsection (a)(7):
 19 (1) The dates for filing campaign finance reports under IC 3-9.
 20 (2) The penalties for late filing of campaign finance reports under
 21 IC 3-9.
 22 (c) A declaration of candidacy must include a statement that the
 23 candidate requests the name on the candidate's voter registration record
 24 be the same as the name the candidate uses on the declaration of
 25 candidacy. If there is a difference between the name on the candidate's
 26 declaration of candidacy and the name on the candidate's voter
 27 registration record, the officer with whom the declaration of candidacy
 28 is filed shall forward the information to the voter registration officer of
 29 the appropriate county as required by IC 3-5-7-6(e). The voter
 30 registration officer of the appropriate county shall change the name on
 31 the candidate's voter registration record to be the same as the name on
 32 the candidate's declaration of candidacy.
 33 SECTION 3. IC 3-11-3-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 24. The inspector of
 35 each precinct shall have the cards required by section 22 of this chapter
 36 posted as follows:
 37 (1) One (1) of each card in each place or compartment provided
 38 for the preparation of ballots.
 39 (2) One (1) of each card at or close to the outer end of the chute.
 40 ~~but not closer than fifty (50) feet from the polls.~~
 41 (3) At least three (3) of each card in and about the polls.
 42 SECTION 4. IC 3-11-8-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 7. In preparing the polls for an election, the county executive shall:

(1) have placed within the room a railing separating the part of the room to be occupied by the precinct election board from that part of the room to be occupied by the voting machines, ballot card voting systems, electronic voting systems, and the three (3) or more booths or compartments for marking paper ballots, whenever either or two (2) of these voting systems are used;

(2) ensure that the portion of the room set apart for the precinct election board includes a door at which each voter appears for challenge; and

(3) provide a chute with a railing, rope, or wire on each side, beginning ~~fifty (50) feet~~ **a distance equal to the length of the chute (as defined in IC 3-5-2-10)** away from and leading to the door for challenge and to the room in which the election is held.

SECTION 5. IC 3-11-8-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.38-1999, SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 16. Challengers appointed under IC 3-6-7 are entitled to stand at the sides of the chute next to the entrance to the polls, as provided in IC 3-6-7-2. No other person may remain within ~~fifty (50) feet~~ **a distance equal to the length of the chute (as defined in IC 3-5-2-10)** of the entrance to the polls except for the purpose of offering to vote.

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